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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE AND/OR OPERATION OF CELLULAR PHONES WITHIN A 5-METER RADIUS OF GASOLINE PUMPS AND REQURING ALL GAS/FILLING STATIONS IN QUEZON CITY TO POST APPROPRIATE WARNING SIGNS TO MOTORISTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor MICHAEL F. PLANAS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Godofredo T. Liban II, Jorge L. Banal,

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Delarmente.

WHEREAS, the unregulated use of cellular phones particularly by motorists endangers the life and limb of the general public;

WHEREAS, aware of such dangers, the Metro Manila Development Authority has banned the use and/or operation of cellphones while driving a motor vehicle;

WHEREAS, a possible problem may arise posed by cellphones during the filling up of fuel tanks wherein the static electricity generated by its use and/or operation can spark a conflagration;

WHEREAS, there has already been reported cases of such incidents in Malaysia Singapore and mainland China;

WHEREAS, the City Council is mandated in the Local Government Code to adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of manmade or natural disasters and calamities;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The use and/or operation of cellular phones within a 5-meter radius of gasoline pumps is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. All gasoline/filling stations within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City are hereby required to post appropriate and sufficient warning signs of this prohibition in conspicuous places within their premises and in accordance with international signage standards.

SECTION 3. Any person violating this Ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00). Gasoline station owners who shall fail to implement the provision hereof shall have their special use permits (SUP) cancelled/revoked.

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